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Headmistress's Message

Dear parents,

As the Coronavirus Pandemic continues in society, we are still continuing to do all the exciting and engaging activities in school in a safe way. Pupils have really enjoyed going on trips to the local area—the Children in Need Welly Walk and church trip proved a great day out for our Junior pupils.

As you can see by the photos, we have a beautiful Early Years Garden for younger pupils to play in. This incorporates a part of the woodland garden too so that nature has an element in the outdoor area. The Early Years children have enjoyed playing under the new awning in all types of autumn weather.

You can also see that we have been very busy with Art this term. A huge congratulations to Rebecca in Year 9 who won the National ISA Digital Art Competition. This was very well deserved. Year 3 and 4 have been incredibly creative with their amazing Egyptian necklaces. It has been lovely to see them planning and working towards this wonderful design.

We are now working on performances and activities that celebrate the Festive Season. I hope to be able to show you these via the website and social media before the next newsletter.

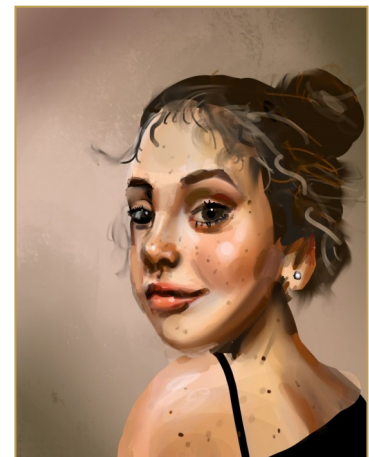
Kind regards,

Chloe Moon

Headmistress

ISA Digital Art Competition

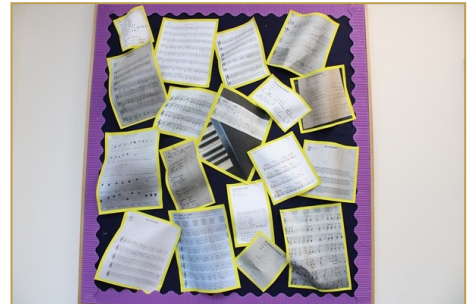
A massive congratulations to our KS3 pupil Rebecca who won the ISA Film and Digital Art competition! Rebecca's piece titled 'Self-Portrait – Confidence' came first in the Digital Art category. **We are very proud, well done!**



Lockdown Music Project



During Lockdown the children took part in a whole school 'Covid Music Project'. They wrote their own music and songs about how they felt in 'Lockdown'. They explored how to use the rhythm of words using topical vocabulary and produced patterns and music to share



with everyone. The Junior children also coloured musical instruments to create a 'Musical Thank You NHS' display at school. Mrs Lloyd-Morris wrote a 'Braeside Covid Song' which all the children learnt during the first lockdown, when they were learning from home. Junior pupils done a fantastic job of performing this song! You can watch their performance [here](#).

Early Year's Play Area

The Early Years children are really enjoying using their outdoor play area which was completely remodelled during the October half term. The whole area is now covered and there is new soft tiling to ride bikes and scooters. The pupils have been having great fun playing in the tent and castle as well as joining in with "What's the Time Mr. Wolf?" and other chasing games!



Making Bread in Reception



Reception had lots of fun making bread in class. The pupils did an excellent job of kneading the dough and then really enjoyed eating it for an afternoon snack! **Great work Reception.**



St John's Church Visit



At the end of September, Year 2 and 3 took a visit to St John's Church. Due to current circumstances, the church wasn't open so pupils looked at all the features of the outside of the church and what is typically found in a churchyard.

The pupils learnt about towers and spires, gargoyles, the lichgate, and were interested to find family crypts and much more. They all found the lesson really interesting and loved the chance to get out of the classroom and explore the local area a little more.

Once back in the warmth of the school. The pupils discussed what they had learnt. Good work.



Year 2 Times Tables



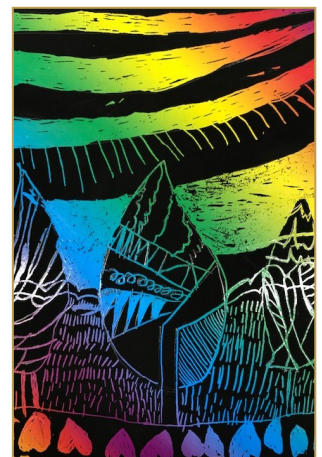
Year 2 have been working hard on their multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They enjoyed using the colourful bear and dinosaur blocks to help with their working out whilst they are in the process of improving their mental arithmetic! **Great work Year 2.**



Art Club

In art club this half term, pupils have really enjoyed making their own scratch art pieces. Scratch art is completed using a small tool that can scratch off the thin layer of tempera paint that covers the paper or canvas, revealing the colourful background below.

The final results look amazing, **well done!**



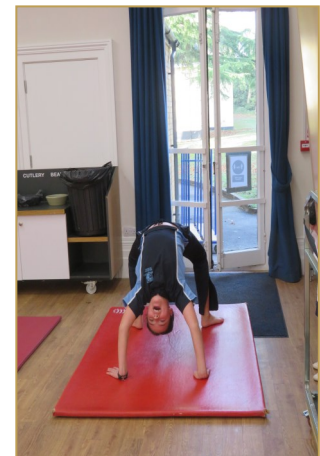
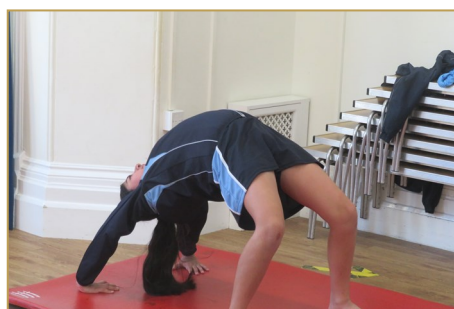
Egyptian Necklaces

Year 3 and 4 have been exploring The Egyptians. After a class discussion about what the necklaces would have been made from and who wore them and why, they made their own designs. They used a range of materials and thought about how to combine and use colours and symmetry. They all really enjoyed this activity.



Year 7 Gymnastics

In PE, Year 7 enjoyed working with a partner to form gymnastics sequences. They were paying particular attention to their balances, performing them with control. At the end of the lesson, they enjoyed performing their balance sequences to music for the rest of the class to see. **Great work Year 7!**



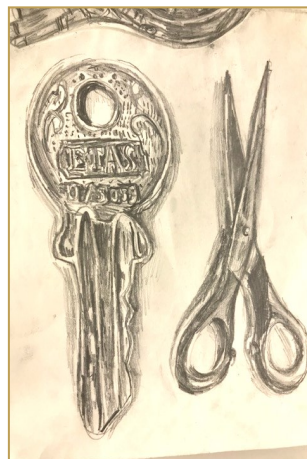
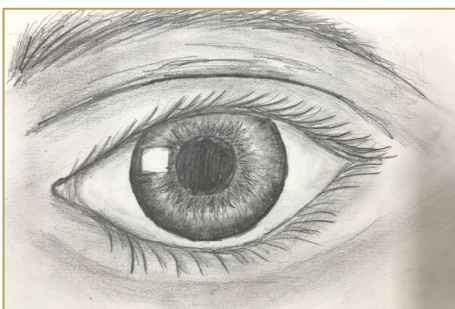
Year 6 Fish Drawings

In Art, Year 6 have been drawing fish to explore line, shape and proportions. They used a range of tones to create three-dimensional form and textural qualities to create the natural surface pattern. The pupils worked really hard to achieve likeness but have also started to develop their own drawing styles. **Well done Year 6!**



Year 9 Art

Year 9 have enjoyed producing these great observational studies of everyday objects. Their next step will be to explore the work of The Surrealist painters who give objects meaning.



Year 8 Islamic Art

Year 8 have been exploring Islamic Art and culture to produce these personal, bold and colourful calligraphy inspired compositions. Students have explored the ideals of beauty and meditation and experimented with a range of water-colour techniques. **Fantastic work Year 8!**



Year 3 Measurement

Year 3 have been using kitchen scales to measure mass in kilograms and grams. They had to estimate, measure and compare the mass of different objects then work out what the scale reading would be if the mass of the object was doubled or halved. Year 3 really enjoyed working with the scales and weighing all the different objects. **Well done!**



Epping Forest Youth Councillors

Our Epping Forest Youth Councillors were asked by the council to take a selfie with their headmistress holding the EPYC mug. The campaign was about talking over a cup of tea and highlighting the importance of chatting to help with mental well-being. Riya said "Mrs Moon's door is always open and we can always talk with her when we need it. That really helps us to be able to speak about how we feel". Our Epping Forest Youth Councillors are excellent ambassadors for the local community and within Braeside. **Well done Sam, Riya and Simran for all your hard work!**



Children In Need

On Friday 13 November, Braeside School Council organised a non-school uniform day and 'Welly Walk' (Juniors) to raise money for the charity Children In Need. Pupils learnt about the charity and the wonderful work they do for vulnerable children in the UK. Pupils were allowed to wear their own clothes and any merchandise from the charity. Many pupils opted to wear ears and official yellow t-shirts. Freya, one of our Year 7 pupils, even made her own 'Pudsey' hat! The Junior pupils relished a squelchy walk in the forest. Evelyn in Reception said "We had such a fun time in the muddy puddles". Summer Rose in Year 2 said "I loved wearing my wellies to school. I pretended that I was Red Riding Hood in the forest". It was a lovely crisp, autumn day for a walk for a good cause. Thank you pupils and parents for supporting this charitable event!



Neurographic Art

Year 10 and 11 have been doing mindful art sessions in PSHE to help combat stress. Stress causes cortisol to flood the brain and that in turn stops us making decisions and actually shrinks the brain. Using Neurographic art, pupils have been exploring ways to reduce stress. The pupils found this activity very relaxing and produced some really exciting pieces of art.





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Learning Performance

Mrs Moon organised for the amazing company Learning Performance to come to Braeside to deliver their pupil coaching and revision sessions. They specialise in identifying learning styles and the best ways to study and revise for each individual pupil. It is a fun and engaging session where pupils can take away information and tips on the best way to approach assessments in the future. Year 8 and 9 (from KS3 bubble) took part in the morning and Year 10 (from KS4 bubble) took part in the afternoon session. A great time was had by all.



Virtual Open Day

We held our first virtual Open Events on Wednesday 7 October which were very well attended by prospective parents and we were delighted to show so many prospective families around the school as a result. The events included a speech from Mrs Moon, our Head Girl and Junior Prefect talking about their time at Braeside, a tour of the school led by our pupils and a live question and answer session. There are also speeches from our senior leadership team and members of staff on our website.



If you have not done so already, please do watch highlights from the Open Events which are available [HERE](#).

Harvest Performance

Despite not having an audience this year, our Junior pupils performed their Harvest songs perfectly! Our year group bubbles had been working really hard to learn their Harvest song and dance moves, and also the School Lockdown Song, which was written by our music teacher Mrs Lloyd-Morris. You can watch their performances [HERE](#). **Well done everyone!**



Harvest Programme
Kindergarten and Reception
Thank you God for the Harvest
Year 2 and Year 3
Big Red Combine Harvester School Lockdown Song
Year 4
Under the Harvest Moon
Year 5 and Year 6
Harvest Hymn Harvest Samba School Lockdown Song





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FOBS Update

Hello to you all,

We hope you are keeping safe and coping well with the current lockdown.

Due to all the restrictions there is not a lot to say on the FOBS front. However we are pleased that this year we were able to organise (for some year groups) the opportunity to create Christmas cards. It couldn't have been done without the organisational effort of Mrs Moon and the teachers. We hope that if your daughter has created Christmas cards, that you have been able to purchase a pack or two. All profit goes to FOBS which will then feed back into the school to make a difference for all our girls.



Although we are not able to organise anything else this term we would still like to have class representatives for all years. It helps us to have a direct route to you which will be useful in the future when we are able to be more involved with the school's social activities. If your daughter is in Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 or 7 then we'd be happy to hear from you.

Best wishes,

FOBS Committee

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Getting Social

